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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SAIGON NEWS DOMINATED PAPERS TUESDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY; WEDNESDAY NYTIMES ALSO FRONTPAGED US
GREECE AGREE TO END HOMEPORT FOR SIXTH FLEET; THURSDAY
BALTSUN FRONTPAGES FORD FIGHTS NUCLEAR BILL TO TIGHTEN

EXPORT RULES. SOME COMMENT ON DETENTE AND CSCE. TIME HAS COUPLE ITEMS ON SOVIET.

1A. TUESDAY WASHPOST INSIDE REPORTED NITZE ASKS US TO PRESS MISSILE LIMIT; ALSO HAS US ASKS EEC TO ACT ON VIETNAM. NYTIMES REPORTED JOB LOSSES LINKED TO ARMS SPENDING; ALSO PORTUGAL READY TO RESUME AZORES TALKS; PLUS FEDERAL COURT HEARS ARGUMENT NATIONAL SECURITY NEED FOR TRIDENT BASE IS BEYOND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

1B. THURSDAY NYTIMES BONN WHITNEY REPORTS INSIDE EUROPEANS EXPECT US, AFTER SAIGON, MAY BOLSTER NATO ROLE. WASHPOST NOSSITER LONDON REPORTS BRITISH ARE CONCERNED

ABOUT US; ALSO LOCAL STORY REPORTS SENATORS CRITICIZE US NUCLEAR STORES IN EUROPE.

1C. INSIDE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ITEMS WITH HEADINGS SUCH AS ASTRONAUTS UNWORRIED ABOUT JOINT VENTURE; VISIT SOVIET SSPACE PAD; DETENTE DOING A-OK ON SPACE FRONT. TUESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED SOVIET UNDERGROUND TEST. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD BRUSSELS PIECE, SOVIETS PUSH DRIVE TO END SECURITY TALKS, THURSDAY PAPERS REPORT BREZHNEV CANCELS MAY VISIT TO PRAGUE; BALTSUN REPORTS SOVIET HAILS VIET REDS QUIETLY; WASHPOST SAYS MOSCOW PLAYS DOWN SCALE OF US SETBACK IN VIETNAM, ALTHOUGH NEWS OF SURRENDER WAS PREDICTABLY JUBILANT; ALSO REPORTS FROM MOSCOW 60 DISSIDENTS CALLED FOR WORLDWIDE PROTESTS AGAINST ARREST OF TVERDOKHLEBOV.

2. SALT. TUESDAY WASHPOST LOCAL REPORTED NITZE TOLD SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL THAT VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR ARMS CEILINGS ADDRESSES APPEARANCES MORE THAN REALITIES AND US SHOULD TRY TO NEGOTIATE LIMITATIONS ON LARGE SOVIET MISSILES. NITZE SAID US SHOULD SEEK SUB-LIMITS ON LARGER SOVIET MISSILES INCLUDING SS-18S AND SS-19S WHICH HAVE THREE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVEN TIMES PAYLOAD CAPACITY OF AMERICAN MINUTEMAN III, AND WARNED THAT UNLESS BACKFIRE BOMBER IS INCLUDED IN LIMITATIONS THE CONCEPT OF A 2,400 CEILING WILL BECOME MEANINGLESS. PROFESSOR RATHJENS MINIMIZED CONCERN OVER SUPERIOR SOVIET THROW-WEIGHT SAYING US HAS MORE WEAPONS TAHN IT NEEDS FOR ANY PLAUSIBLE MILITARY PURPOSES AND SHOULD TRY UNILATERAL RESTRAINT AT ARMS NEGOTIATIONS.

2A. CHICAGO TRIBUNE APRIL 25 HAD PIECE BY FRANK STARR ON EDITORIAL PAGE HEADLINED SALT HITS THE OLD VERIFICATION SNAG, STARR SAYING STORY BEHIND POSTPONEMENT OF BREZHNEV-FORD SUMMIT IS THAT SALT TWO IS NOWHERE NEAR READY FOR SIGNATURE BECAUSE VLADIVOSTOK PACT IS INTER-

PRETEND MUCH DIFFERENTLY BY SOVIETS AND AMERICANS ON NUMBER OF ISSUES, ADDING SOVIET NEGOTIATORS SAID SIMPLY THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT AMERICAN FORMULA FOR VERIFICATION OF NUMBERS OF MIRVED MISSILES. STARR SAYS RUSSIANS HAVE MUCH CLEARER PICTURE OF US MISSILE PROFILE THAN US HAS OF MOSCOW'S BECAUSE RUSSIANS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION IN US IS LARGELY RELIABLE AND NOT PROPAGANDA.

3. DEFENSE POLICY. SUNDAY NYTIMES WASHINGTON AP SAID REP. ASPIN RELEASED STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF MILITARY SPENDING ON EMPLOYMENT MADE BY A STUDENT-CONTROLLED MICHIGAN PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP. STUDY FOUND THAT HIGH LEVELS OF MILITARY SPENDING CREATES UNEMPLOYMENT,

THAT FOR EVERY 1 BILLION SPENT FOR THE MILITARY INSTEAD OF FOR THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY, THE NATION FORGOES 10,000 JOBS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY OR 21,000 IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3A. THURSDAY WASHPOST O'TOOLE LOCAL SAID SENATORS BAKER AND PASTORE OF JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY CALLED YESTERDAY FOR REMOVAL OF 2 TO 3 THOUSAND NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM NATO COUNTRIES, A REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORAGE SITES, AND TIGHTER SAFEGUARDS ON REMAINING SITES, CLAIMING THAT US PRESENTLY STORES NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WAYS THAT MAKE THEM UNUSABLE IN WARTIME AND VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ATTACK IN PEACETIME.

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3B. THURSDAY BALSUN NORDLINGER WASH SAID FORD ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO PENDING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD TIGHTEN FEDERAL CONTROL OVER SAFEGUARDS ON EXPORTED NUCLEAR MATERIAL TO PREVENT THEIR USE AS WEAPONS IN TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY. BILL SPONSORED BY PERCY, RIBICOFF AND GLENN WOULD EMPOWER NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THAT SAFEGUARDS IN RECEIVING COUNTRIES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN US, WITH SPONSORS ARGUING THAT DECISIONS ON ADEQUACY OF SAFEGUARDS MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHERE THEY ARE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AS IN THE OFFERS TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ROBERT SEAMANS OF ERDA ARGUED THAT SUCH A UNILATERAL MEASURE MIGHT ERODE US INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR AFFAIRS AND MIGHT CAUSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD ABANDONED DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO MAKE REAPPRAISAL IF US WERE TO FAIL ITS COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR PEACEFUL USES UNDER PRESENT AGREEMENTS. DIXY LEE RAY OF STATE DEPT SAID NUCLEAR AGENCY WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY ENFORCING MEASURES IN VARIETY OF NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT DOMESTIC AND GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, EMPHASIZING THAT THE SAFEGUARD

PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH IAEA AND AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

4. CSCE. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST FOUQUET BRUSSELS REPORTED THAT WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SOVIET-INSPIRED, WESTERN-STYLE PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN TO SUCCESSFULLY WIND UP THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MOUNTED IN LIEGE UNDER TITLE OF SECOND ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC OPINION FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION AND ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES FROM EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, WITH SPEAKERS FROM UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND

RELIGIOUS AND PEACE GROUPS ALSO PARTICIPATING IN FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE. PRESS KITS WERE SENT OUT BY SOVIET NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY AND THE THRUST OF DISCUSSIONS WAS IN LINE WITH SOVIET DESIRE TO WIND UP CSCE. SOVIET HAD 16-MEMBER MISSION INCLUDING VALENTINA TERESHKOVA, FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE; BUT WESTERN SOURCES NOTED THAT NEITHER UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS SESSION NOR A SIMILAR ONE IN 1972 HAD GENERATED MUCH ATTENTION.

5. USSR. TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE SAYS SOVIET NAVY TOOK PAINS TO ADVERTISE ITS WORLD-WIDE MUSCLE FLEXING, QUOTED ONE US OFFICER: WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN JUST TEN YEARS IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC; FROM ALMSOT NOTHING THEY'VE BUILT UP A FIRST-CLASS NAVY AND IT'S AN IMPOSING THREAT.

5A. TIME ALSO HAS A PAGE OF PICTURES AND TEXT ON TRAINING FOR TOGETHERNESS, THE JOINT SPACE FLIGHT. ARTICLE ADDS SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE STILL WORRIED OVER LATEST SOYUZ FAILURE BUT NASA HAS QUIETLY PREPARED AN ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT IN WHICH US TEAM COULD TRY TO DOCK WITH ABANDONED SKYLAB WHICH IS STILL ORBITING THE EARTH.

6. COMMENT. SOME NEWSPAPERS TRADITIONALLY SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET UNION HAVE EDITORIALIZED ON DETENTE. DETENTE IS FAILURE IS TITLE OF ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT APRIL 17 EDITORIAL, STRESSING SOVIET AND CHINESE BACKING OF HANOI SHOULD CONVINCE AMERICANS DETENTE IS NOT WORKING. WILLIAM R. HEARST JR. COLUMN FOR APRIL 27 IS TITLED THE DELUSION OF DETENTE, AND CONCLUDES: PERSONALLY I BELIEVE SOME GOOD CAN STILL BE REALIZED THROUGH THE PRINCIPLE OF DETENTE-- BUT ONLY IF WE START ACTING AS TOUGH AS THE COMMUNISTS. WALL ST JOURNAL APRIL 30 EDITORIAL IS ENTITLED WHATEVER HAPPENED TO DETENTE? WHICH NOTES COMMUNIST ROLE IN INDOCHINA AND PORTUGAL AND SAYS IF US IS TO LIVE WITH THIS KIND OF DETENTE THE FIRST PREREQUISITE IS MAINTAINING THE MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER AND QUESTION SHOULD BE WHETHER

ADMINISTRATION'S MILITARY BUDGET IS BIG ENOUGH.

6A. HOUSTON CHRONICLE APRIL 17, HOWEVER, SAID THIS COUNTRY SHOULD NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE POLICY OF DETENTE AND A STEP-BY-STEP SEARCH FOR PEACE; AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST REMAIN ON GUARD.

6B. RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH IN MID-APRIL HAD A COUPLE EDITORIALS QUESTIONING DETENTE, AND ON APRIL 25 ONE ENTITLED, TIME FOR STEEL, WHICH HOLDS THAT THE ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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JUSTIFICATION FOR GOING THROUGH WITH A CSCE AGREEMENT WHICH LEGITIMIZES SOVIET CONQUEST OF EASTERN EUROPE WOULD

BE IF THE SOVIETS WERE MADE TO PAY A HIGH PRICE IN RETURN, AND SOVIETS OUGHT TO BE PRESSED HARD AT VIENNA FOR TROOP WITHDRAWALS AS ONE CONDITION FOR SECURITY PACT SINCE SOVIETS HAVE BY FAR THE LARGEST MILITARY CONTINGENT IN EUROPE. ATLANTA JOURNAL APRIL 21 ALSO DEPRECATES VALUE OF SOVIET AGREEMENT TO A CODE OF CONDUCT GOVERNING EAST-WEST RELATIONS, ADDING THAT WHETHER CODE IS REALLY SUBSTANTIAL OR IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA VICTORY FOR SOVIET UNION REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

6C. WASHPOST APRIL 25 ASKS WHY A EUROPEAN SUMMIT SHOULD FORMALIZE THE PRESENT UNEQUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE, AND MAINTAINS IF MOSCOW IS NOT GOING TO PERMIT THE INTERPLAY OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS WHICH COULD BE CONTRIBUTION TO EAST-WEST SECURITY, THEN IT SHOULD MAKE POSSIBLE MAJOR MUTUAL TROOP REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE. POST CONCLUDED: WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON FORCE CUTS, THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SELF-RESPECTING WESTERN HEADS OF STATE TO PLAY A PART IN MOSCOW'S CHARADE. KISSINGER

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